

## TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Final Minutes, July 10th, 2019

Location: Town Hall, Annex room

Attendees: Cathy Joly, Adie Krulis, Honey Hastings, Sean Radcliffe, Scott Hecker, Ult Mundane, Carol Mamczak.

Absent: Lincoln Geiger

Guest Eric Foley

Started at 7:03 pm

Approved minutes of the June 12th meeting with minor corrections.

### Conservation Commission mail:

**Route 101 paving and culvert crossing 101 in Temple:** There was a general discussion of risks and potential concerns. *Adie will contact Tim Fisk to determine if there could be any environmentally sensitive operations associated with the paving and/or culvert replacement.*

**ConCom bank account/statement:** Honey Hastings sent via email a report on the current bank statement and transfer of funds to the higher interest account. Ult Mundane will upload and transfer the statement to the Con Com Google documents.

**Land Use Change Tax:** Honey reported the monks at Temple Forest Monastery (on Derbyshire Lane) are building more kutis, taking more land out of current use. This will be more funds (albeit small) in the conservation fund.

**Officer elections, Secretary:** Honey nominated Cathy Joly as secretary. Sean Radcliffe seconded. Unanimous vote for Cathy Joly as secretary of Temple Conservation Commission. *Sean Radcliffe will handle secretarial duties until next meeting. Sean will get together with Cathy to review secretarial tasks duties some time before the next meeting.*

**Scott Hecker Pond:** Scott reported George May (chair of Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee -SoRLAC) is not interested in testing the water in Scott's pond. George is interested in testing 2 brooks coming together in West Wilton. Cathy Joly will ask others in SoRLAC group if anyone is interested in testing water in Temple. *Sean Radcliffe will ask Lou Barinelli if they can or have recommendations for testing pond/surface water for HCs, specifically looking for origin from automotive sources.* There were suggestions that there may be grants for water testing connected to protecting Souhegan River.

**Other business:** Honey Hastings reported there is a 2 day conference on invasive plants (New Hampshire Invasives Academy, September 26th and 27th).

**Town Forest:** Carol Mamczak and Scott Hecker reported on their walk through the Town Forest with County Forester Ethan Belair. Carol reported they walked all the trails of the town forest. The forest was forested 40 to 50 years ago. Eric Foley agreed with the 50 year estimate from with his individual research on the town forest. Carol reported Ethan Belair pointed out different soil types and different trees on the forest property. Carol reported the trail signage is in bad shape and there is some impact to wet areas on the trails by horses. There was a general discussion on all possible options for managing the town forest. There is an option for patch cutting to open up the land for new growth. Due to ash trees and the Emerald Ash Borer, there will be more

dead ash trees in the future. Ethan suggested the next step would be to talk with a forester as a consultant. Ethan will provide a report of the town forest in a few weeks. The commission discussed the previous idea of using local girl scout troop for making trail blazes/tags. Carol said Ethan suggested using a stencil and a specific paint for trail markers. Adie offered to have her cousin make GPs maps of the trails on town forest. Scott Hecker stated he sees the town forest as a perfect place for nature education. He said the diversity on the forest is significant and good for education purposes. *Sean will send email to Eric Foley and CC the members of commission to share Erics new email with everyone.*

**Affordable/Workforce housing zoning:** Honey reported the town appointed a committee to work on the affordable workforce housing problem, headed by Christine Robidoux. They are looking for diverse people to join the committee.

**Stone/Pratt/White property:** Sean reported there is no need for discussion about Stone/Pratt/White conserved land at this time.

The group adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 14th, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Sean Radcliffe. *Italics above indicate tasks to be done.*